

## **EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes**

**February 7, 2006**

The Edgefield County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2006, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter Street, Edgefield, SC.

#### **Members present:**

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman  
Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman  
Norman Dorn, Councilman  
Joel D. Hudson, Councilman  
B. Everette Kitchens, Councilman

#### **Others present:**

Wayne Adams, County Administrator  
John F. Byrd, Jr., County Attorney  
Lynn W. Strom, Budget & Finance Manager  
Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council

Chairman Kneece called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Councilman Hudson, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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Councilman Kitchens made a motion to approve the January 3, 2006, Edgefield County Council Minutes as presented. A second to that motion was made by Councilman Hudson and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Reports**

Under the departmental reports, Councilman Kitchens questioned the difference of \$110.00 between the sub-total and the grand total. There was no notation of the \$110.00. The Administrator will get an answer for this discrepancy.

#### **Ordinances**

A motion to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 05-06-576, "An Ordinance to Direct that the Implementation of Real Property Reassessment in Edgefield County be Delayed for One Year, as Authorized by §12-43-217 (B), South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as Amended", was made by Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Kitchens. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Resolutions**

The consideration of Resolution No. 05-06-289, "A Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement Temporarily Transferring to the Edgefield County Sheriff All Supervisory Authority Over the Town of Johnston's Law Enforcement Personnel Under Terms Set Forth Herein, and in Accordance with Title Twenty-Three of the SC Code of Laws 1976,

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as Amended”, was the next agenda item.

Actually there was no opposition to Resolution No. 05-06-289, but two councilmen felt the entire council had not been included in the decision making of the sheriff’s assistance to the Town of Johnston. Also, there was discussion concerning some type of reimbursement to the county by the town for these services.

Councilman Hudson made a motion to back any decision made by the sheriff. The administrator interceded at this point stating there are seven elements in the statute that are required for inter-jurisdictional agreements and our only proposal is to say let’s do what the sheriff wants to do, then I don’t think we meet those obligations. Ultimately, the sheriff will have to do this anyway, but in terms of honoring fidelity to the law, that this agreement that is proposed meets those requirements. Mr. Adams suggested if we are going to put in a financial consideration it be an amendment to Section 3 that the town pay to the county the equivalent of the chief’s salary for the duration of the agreement.

Councilman Hudson withdrew his motion. Councilman Kitchens made the motion to amend Resolution No. 05-06-289 to receive compensation equal to the chief’s salary for the duration of providing law enforcement to the Town of Johnston. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bright. Motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **Planning Commission Board**

Councilman Hudson brought before council the name of Mr. Rodney Ingle, 680 Springhaven Dr., North Augusta 29860, to fill a vacancy (Jim Oliver) on the Edgefield County Planning Board. Councilman Bright made the motion to appoint Rodney Ingle to serve the unexpired term of Jim Oliver on the Planning Commission Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kitchens and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Oliver’s two year term expires November 6, 2006.

#### **Edgefield County Hospital Board**

Councilman Bright made a motion to appoint the following individuals to serve a three year on the Edgefield County Hospital Board: James T. Padgett, Edna Daniels, Dr. Elizabeth Gordineer, Patricia Bryan, and Henry A. Kowalewski. Councilman Hudson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

These appointments were made by Council at the recommendation of the EC Hospital Board. Henry Kowalewski fills the vacancy created by the resignation of John Pettigrew, Jr.

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#### **Library Board**

The EC Library Board recommended to County Council the appointment of Mrs. Darlene Smith to serve a four year term, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Connie McManus. Councilman Dorn made the motion to appoint to Mrs. Darlene Smith to the Library Board, seconded by Councilman Bright. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Plane Fun**

Johnny and Linda Anderson addressed council concerning funding for the airport. They were asked had they considered any fund raisers to which they replied that the liability is too great. The only way they have of any revenue is renting the hangars. That brings in very little since added expenses have been added for about the last two or three years. The Trenton Flyers and Ridge Spring Remote Club contribute mostly physical help. Trenton Flyers contribute a lot of financial help. They (Trenton Flyers) have completely remodeled the clubhouse, help with the grass cutting, and they put up a new wind sock.

Chairman Kneece explained that the county leased the land to them, and under the lease agreement it is considered private – their business. Mr. Kneece stated that it would not be right to supplement a private business with tax money. He asked for input to this from Mr. Adams.

Mr. Adams said that the request asking that tax money generated from the airplanes be returned directly to the airport is not legally workable. Millage applied to any property in the county has levies for several different entities (school, law enforcement, hospital, etc.) There is no money appropriated in this budget to fund the airport. When the least was signed and executed, as the chairman said, it included language that the county may provide funding. The land is leased for \$1.00 per year. Now, if the airport is losing money because of the maintenance costs and the airport is a private business and the county comes to its rescue when it is losing money, then does the county share in the profits when it is making money?

One passage from the agreement reads: The maintenance requirements of lessee as described herein, shall devolve entirely on lessee and lessee shall not cause lessor (county) to incur any expense for any maintenance associated with the airport.

Motion was made by Councilman Kitchens not to approve funds, to honor the lease as written. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Bright, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Budget Calendar**

Motion was made by Councilman Kitchens, seconded by Councilman, to approve the 2006-07 Proposed Budget Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Guests**

Saundra Curry spoke concerning a traffic light at the intersection of Highway 25 (south) and Bettis Academy. She said since the last council meeting the DOT has placed white lines in the road – she doesn't know what they mean. She stated she still does not understand why DOT has not installed a light.

**No executive session.**

**Claims approved as follows:**

**PAYROLL: 1/2/06 thru 1/15/06**

**Regular.....\$204,574.56**

**PAYROLL: 1/16/06 thru 1/29/06**

**Regular.....\$193,694.97**

**B. General Operating.....\$613,511.68**

There being no further business, Councilman Bright made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hudson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

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Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman

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